

Night is the time to weep,
To wet with unwept tears
Those graves of memory where sleep
The joys of other years.—James Montgomery.

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RULING OF COURT ON FRONTAGE TAX LAW HOLDS VALID

Manoa Project and Others That
Are Contemplated May Now
Be Carried Out

Manoa bonds are valid and work on the improvements in that district may start at once. Each of the other six or eight improvement districts created or being created under the frontage tax laws may proceed with confidence. Application of Bertram von Damm, a Manoa taxpayer, for an injunction restraining the city treasurer from selling the bonds was denied by the supreme court yesterday, as told in the Late News column of the Star-Bulletin.

Bids on Manoa bonds will be opened Tuesday by D. L. Conkling, city treasurer, and the bonds probably ordered sold by the supervisors that same night. As soon as the money is available F. R. Ritchie, the San Francisco man who has the contract for the work in Manoa, may be ordered to start work.

Law Suits Court Test

The decision of the court yesterday assures purchasers of bonds issued under the frontage tax laws the validity of the law under which such issue is made. The suit to test the law was brought for local bankers who intend to bid on the bonds, through B. von Damm, a taxpayer in the district. The plaintiff paid his assessment a day or two late and filed a protest. Then, as soon as Frear, Prosser, Anderson & Marx, his attorneys, and A. M. Cristy, deputy city attorney, had worked out an agreed statement of facts in the case the application for an injunction was filed. It was argued August 14 and taken under consideration by the court.

The application for an injunction stopping the sale of the bonds claimed that the frontage tax law is in conflict with the constitution and sections of the Organic Act and that thus the bonds, if issued, will be invalid. The decision quotes the frontage tax law at length and cites numerous decisions. The decisive paragraphs in it follow:

Constitutionality Point Raised

"On behalf of the plaintiff it is contended that the statute violates the fifth amendment of the constitution by authorizing the taking of private property for public use without just compensation and without the process of law in that it fails to provide that the assessments on the different parcels of land affected must be in proportion to and shall not exceed the special benefits received from the improvements for making which the assessments are levied.

"In Norwood vs. Baker the statute was held to be invalid because it constituted an arbitrary exaction in that it compelled the land owner to pay for his land which was taken for public use and also the expense attendant upon its condemnation.

"The statute of this territory certainly is not open to that objection. It is fair on its face and by no means necessitates the making of unfair or unequal assessments. On the contrary, it discloses an intent on the part of the legislature to provide a plan whereby public road improvements may be made at the cost of lands to be specially benefited by the improvement, and prima facie at least, the cost of grading, paving,

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SALT LAKE CITY BOURBONS CHEER CHAS. E. HUGHES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 25.—A large crowd of persons, among whom were many prominent Democrats, filled the tabernacle to hear Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for the presidency, last night. A number of Democrats were on the platform with Mr. Hughes and led in the applause, which was frequent.

In the course of his talk Mr. Hughes promised, if elected, to reinstate the merit system of promotion in public office, as well as for appointments. He attacked the Democratic attitude toward the Philippines. He said: "If the Democratic administration had had a proper sense of its honorable obligations, the proposal to scuttle the Philippines would never have been heard of, and the attempt to abandon the islands and leave them to their own protection would have been killed ere it was born."

UTILITIES TO LEAVE SATURDAY FOR HILO

To make an investigation into general business conditions of the Hilo Electric Company, the public utilities commission will leave Saturday for Hawaii to meet Monday morning, August 28, at 10 o'clock, in the Hilo board of trade rooms.

Following this hearing the commission will settle the differences between the Hawaii Telephone Company and the Kohala Telephone Company relative to switching charges. The commissioners expect to return to this city Tuesday morning on the Mauna Kea.

Child Labor is Unimportant to Pine Canneries

Report of Commissioner of
Labor Statistics Shows Num-
ber of Minors is Small

Recently when the child labor bill was being discussed in connection with the effect of the provision relating to interstate commerce shipments of goods into which child labor entered, representatives of the canneries stated that they employed a comparatively small number who came within the age limits specified in the law. Those statements are borne out in the figures furnished by the commissioner of labor statistics in his fifth annual report for the year 1915. Such figures are included in a special table devoted to the subject of unskilled labor on pineapple plantations and in canneries and the average daily wage.

The report of Dr. Clark shows that the unclassified (unskilled) labor on pineapple plantations amounted to 1687 and of these only 13 were minors. In the canneries there were employed 4146 and of these only 115 were classified as minors. Thus of the 5833 employed as unskilled laborers there were but 128 classified as minors.

The report does not specifically define the word minor as used in the table and it is possible that some of those included would be without the ages specified in the law. The percentage shown by the table is just over 2 so that it is likely that the pineapple industry employed a still smaller percentage under 16 and again a smaller percentage under 14 years.

The statement that the industry would have no difficulty in adjusting itself to the new law is thus borne out by Dr. Clark's table.

The sugar industry is not affected by the law as are factories and canneries but it employs a far larger number of minors, 1583 of whom 1302 were boys and 281 girls.

The adult employees were 22,885, of whom 20,785 were men and 2100 women, the percentage of minor labor in the sugar industry being upward of 6 per cent. Such labor is largely employed in seed cutting and similar light work.

Relative to the work done by children on the canneries the report says:

Children and young persons are employed to inspect and to tray empty cans, which require two or three shifts in their progress from the storage room to the fruit conveyor. Women are preferred as packers, and this is the principal occupation in which they are engaged. Supervision is in the hands of men, who also handle the trays of filled cans and the fresh and packed fruit in crates and cases, and attended most of the important machines.

Working hours vary erratically, according to the amount of fruit received each day and the condition in which it arrives. Some establishments work two shifts during the height of the season.

LANSING FILES LIST OF APPOINTMENTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 25.—In response to a resolution recently introduced by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, Secretary Lansing yesterday sent to the senate a list of the appointments made in the state department during the present administration.

The list shows that 156 temporary employees have been appointed for periods varying from two weeks to 22 months. It is explained that the extra force was necessitated by the vast amount of additional work thrown upon the department by the war, the need for American relief in Belgium and other war-stricken countries and for the protection of Americans abroad.

Seventy-six appointees were named to fill vacancies in positions under the law, 50 of them having come under the civil service rules and 20 without civil service benefits.

LAUNCH DIVER AT LONG BEACH SOON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONG BEACH, Cal., Aug. 25.—The United States submarine L-6 will be launched at the first war vessel of any sort to be launched in Southern California. The L-6 is one of several submarines that are being constructed at Long Beach. She is of the largest sea-going type, and when finished will be capable of making 14 knots submerged.

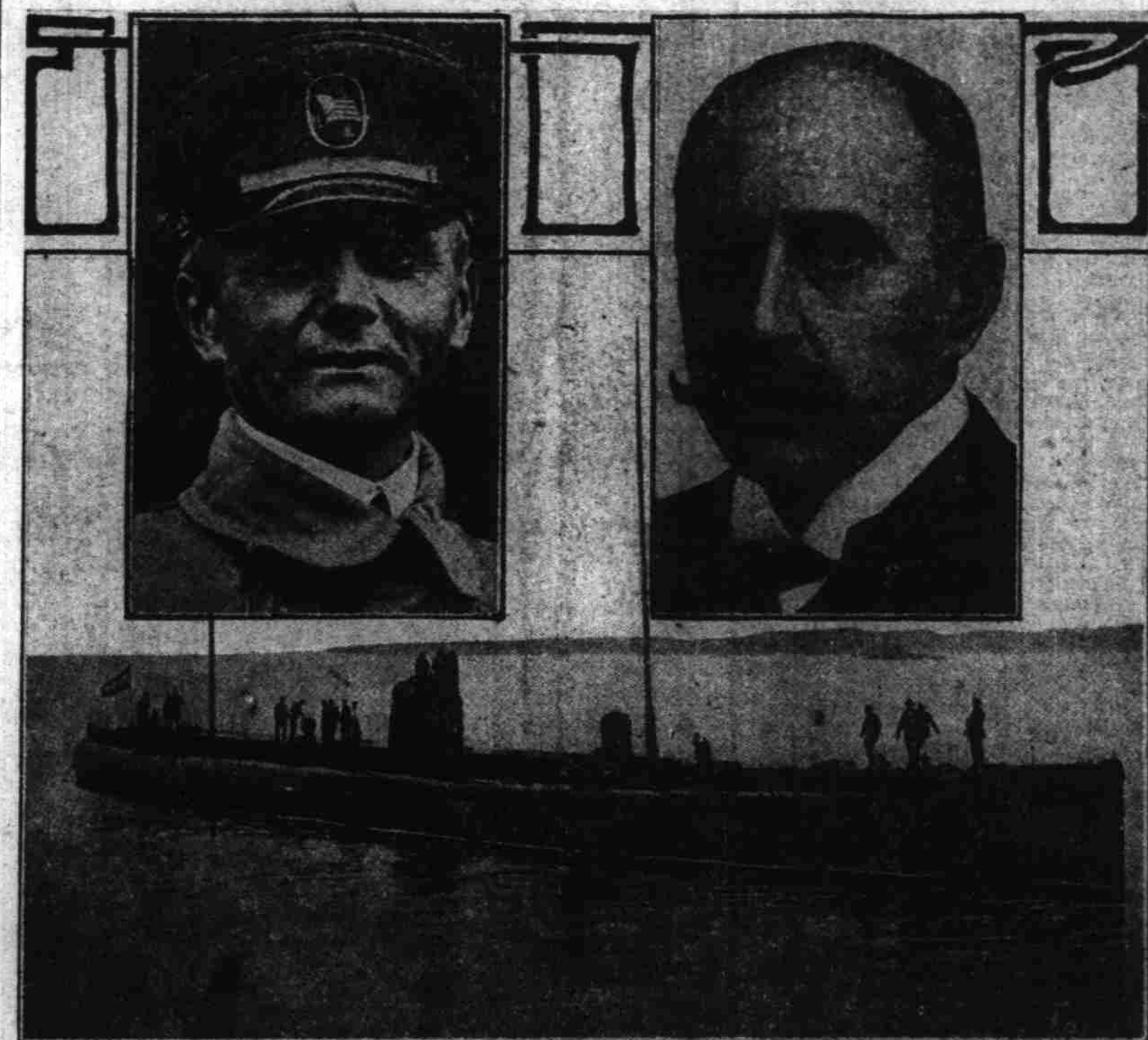
CHOLERA EXTENDS TO WEST PART OF JAPAN

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shiping)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 24.—Cholera has now reached the city of Kumamoto, in the western part of the empire. It has attacked the 6th Army Division, which is stationed there, and general disinfection of the division quarters has been undertaken. Orders were issued today that no leave for soldiers be allowed. In the city 30 new cases were reported yesterday and 16 deaths.

Eugene Sullivan of Atlantic City, N. J., was killed when he fell from his bicycle beneath the wheels of a heavy motor truck.

John Dee, wireman, was critically burned at Hartford when his side came in contact with a live wire while he was working on a repair job.

Germany's Super-Submarine Deutschland and Two Men Principally Responsible For Her Feat



Above is an unusually good view of the German submarine Deutschland, standing fairly well up out of the water. The two men are (left) Capt. Paul Konig, who brought the submarine from Bremen to Baltimore, and Alfred Lohmann, prominent Bremen businessman, who organized the German Ocean Shipping Company and promoted the building of the Deutschland, now safely back at Bremen.

JARRETT HONOR SYSTEM ON MAUI WORKS OUT WELL

High Sheriff Plans to Eliminate
Prison Stripes and Substi-
tute Plain Uniforms

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WAILUKU, Maui, Aug. 24.—High Sheriff W. P. Jarrett spent several days on Maui this week looking into the condition of the territorial prisoners who are working on the roads in the Kula section. Before returning to Honolulu on Wednesday the high sheriff expressed himself as well satisfied with conditions under which his gang is working on this island. Owing to the fact that the whole bunch is quarantined on account of the smallpox suspect among them, Jarrett was unable to inspect the camp very closely, though he carried on a long-range inquiry with the prisoners.

Mr. Jarrett is still firm in his belief that his honor system of dealing with the convicts is the proper one, and that the open air work at Kula is much better than close confinement as a mode of reformation. Another radical plan which he has in mind, and which he expects to put into effect within a few weeks, is the entire elimination of the time-dishonored prison stripes. The prisoners are soon to wear a plain uniform of blue or brown, similar to that supplied the county misdemeanor prisoners. Sheriff Jarrett states that the old stripes idea is not only useless but decidedly prejudicial to the convicts' self respect, a thing that is not desirable to have lost if reformation is to be hoped for.

"KIDNAPED" GIRL IS GIVEN TO HER SISTER

The 15-year-old Portuguese girl who was "kidnaped" from the home of her employer by her sister, wife of a sergeant in the 25th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, will be allowed to remain with this sister until any further action is taken before Judge Judge Ashford, according to an order of Thursday by Judge Ashford. The girl told the court that she had been working too hard and wanted to go and live with her sister so that she could go to school.

DON'T LIKE NEW MAIL ROUTING

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WAILUKU, Maui, Aug. 24.—Residents of Paia, Hamakua, and Paunaloa are making a vigorous kick over a new routing of mail matter at these stations to send all mail matter deposited in their offices to Kahului to be routed. The result is, for example, that if a letter is posted at Hamakua at noon for some one in Kahului, that letter must be sent to Kahului, and will not arrive at its destination until the following day. The order has been especially inconvenient to residents beyond Paia, who have been in the habit of ordering meat and other perishable foodstuffs from Paia, the delay making this now impracticable.

DISCREPANCY IN MAUI ROAD COST HARD TO EXPLAIN

Maintenance of Animals and
Highway Upkeep Subject of
Engineer's Report

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WAILUKU, Maui, Aug. 24.—Some startling statistics are contained in a report covering the period of January to June inclusive, made last week by County Engineer Joel B. Cox to the board of supervisors. The report shows a remarkable discrepancy in the cost of road maintenance work in various parts of the county. For instance, the cost of feeding a mule for one month, which in Molokai is given at \$5.53 per month, and in Wailuku at \$6.64, in the district of East Makawao is \$20.35! This is simply the cost of feed, and does not include any labor charge whatever. The total cost of a mule's maintenance per month ranged from an average of \$11.25 in Lahaina, \$15.55 in Wailuku, to \$38 in East Makawao. In like manner the cost of keeping a work mule per working day in Wailuku was only 84 cents, while in East Makawao it was \$3.11.

For the blacksmithing and horse-shoeing of 15 mules in Wailuku, which worked a total of 1669 days, it cost the county \$187.40. For the same services in connection with 11 mules in East Makawao, which worked probably less than 1000 days, the sum of \$313.80 was spent.

In Kula, under a contract arrangement with the homesteaders, the cost of dragging dirt roads is given in the report as \$1.50 per mile. For the rest of East Makawao the cost is given for January, \$1.84 per mile; for February, \$2.09 per mile; for March, \$4.65 per mile; for April, \$3.40 per mile; for May, \$8.60 per mile. No report is made for June.

These are the extreme examples of the variations which show all through the report. Most of it cannot be logically explained. The cost of feeding animals cannot well be controverted because the county has good evidence that it paid the feed bills. In many other matters reports are of little value, the engineer admits, because there is little uniformity in the keeping of records by the district overseers of the different districts, and some overseers ignore the matter of keeping records almost all together.

HERE IS NEW TALE OF VILLA'S DEATH

(Star-Bulletin Special by Mutual Wireless)
CITY OF CHIHUAHUA, Aug. 25.—That Villa died of food poisoning and that he was impersonated for weeks after his death by Col. Baca, is the story told here by a Japanese physician, who declares that he treated the dead bandit chieftain in the fight to save his life from the drug which had been administered in Villa's food.

AGED PLANTER DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 25.—Albert Sunter, aged 76, died at his home here last night. He had been a coffee and sugar planter and merchant.

OUTDOOR CIRCLE BUSY WITH FALL WORK ON TREES

Men Regularly Employed to
Give Expert Supervision to
Trimming and Replanting

A large amount of work is now being done by the Outdoor Circle. This is the time of year when many of the flowering and other trees have to be trimmed. Under the able supervision of Nurseryman David Haugs the mahogany trees on Kalakaua avenue, or old Waikiki road, are receiving the necessary attention. The trade winds are very strong and blow these trees Eward, so they have to be carefully done, and the ladies of the Outdoor Circle are more than grateful to Haugs for his attention and kindly supervision. The circle now has two men regularly at tree trimming and planting, one of whom is being trained by Horticulturist Higgins of the U. S. experiment station, and Mellana Sanchez, who is regarded by the U. S. station as a most efficient man. Hardly a week passes that the growth of oleanders and coccinifera of Kalakaua avenue is not commented upon. Every tourist marvels at their beauty. The Auwaioili district is well worth the time taken in going there for the trees and palms are all flourishing and the Portuguese people are cooperating and helping very materially in the upkeep of the trees. The circle has a man who attends regularly to replanting wherever a tree has died or been wantonly destroyed. The Hawaiian Electric Company and the Mutual Telephone Company each pay a third of the salary of this tree trimmer and in future no one need complain about either company's men slashing at trees, for it will all be done under able supervision. The Outdoor Circle is having badges made which will help the tree trimmers, as many persons have questioned the right of these workers.

OKLAHOMA SENATOR STARTS WORD BATTLE IN DULL SESSION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 25.—A lively political tilt relieved the monotony of an otherwise dull session of the upper house yesterday when Senator Owen of Oklahoma accused the Republicans of the senate of deliberately attempting to delay the passage of the Corrupt Practices Act until after election. This led to retorts from the other side of the chamber and some Republicans and Democrats were accusing each other of planning to buy the election of a president this coming November.

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Girls to Honor Ukulele Maker Upon Birthday

To celebrate the seventy-third birthday of Manuel Nunes, the inventor of the Ukulele, the national instrument of Hawaii, Los Angeles girls are planning the organization of a ukulele club to give a concert of South Sea melodies on that date. Miss Maile Howard, a vivacious Anselmo maiden, is promoting the affair.

She is an enthusiastic player, and believes that the aged musician who has contributed so much to the melody of the world should receive recognition. He is still at his bench, and with his sons is supplying the greater portion of instruments used all over the world.

Miss Howard is getting together a brief history of the ukulele. "It was invented in 1879," she said. "It has been a component part of all native celebrations ever since."

"The native Hawaiians originally had what was called the 'ukeke,' and that was just an ordinary piece of curved wood with two gut strings stretched lightly across with no set tuning in particular. This they placed one end at the mouth, holding the other end out in either hand, and with a straw they strummed gently across the strings."

"There is hardly any tone on one of these instruments, simply a monotonous weird sound very much like that of a Jew's harp. But there is one thing, however, that an expert was capable of doing, and that was to formulate words by the movements of the mouth, lips and throat. It can be safely said that the ukeke was the first of a series of stringed instruments which the ingenuity of the younger generation of Hawaiians has modulated to what is popularly known as the 'ukulele.'"

In its sweetest melodies and hula (dance) music the ukulele plays an important part, which is used mostly as an accompaniment. Although solos and selections can be played on them, or fascinating obbligato and the like, yet the real beauty of the instrument is the gentle strumming across the strings in such a manner as to bring forth its liquid tones clearly and distinctly.

"The name ukulele is synonymous of the instrument, meaning a bouncing flea, as the gentle strumming, or the rapid skipping of the fingers from one end of the instrument to the other is very indicative of the flea, hence the name."

"The ukulele is a perfect facsimile of the old Spanish guitar, but differing in size. The native Hawaiian, however, was quick to adopt and gave it its name, knowing that it blended so well with his simple and plaintive air. It is largely made from koa or kou, a species of mahogany grown only in the Hawaiian islands."

IN WAR ARENA

SWEDISH MAIL SEIZURES STILL UNSETTLED

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 25.—Great Britain has published the correspondence between this country and Sweden, relative to the seizure of mail by British war vessels and Swedish authorities. The communications show that the matter has not as yet been satisfactorily adjusted, and both sides threaten action for damages suffered by the seizures. In the mean time all parcel post mail is being routed between this country and Russia by way of Archangel, pending some disposition of the matter.

NORSE STEAMER SUNK IN NORTH SEA

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 25.—The Lloyds agency last night reported that the Norwegian steamer Velox had been sunk in the North Sea and the crew landed. The Danish steamer Avanti, bound for the River Thames, loaded with wood pulp, has been seized by a German submarine.

RUSSIAN SUBMARINE MAKES CAPTURE

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—The German steamer Destar, loaded with iron ore, was captured in the Baltic yesterday by a Russian submarine, which flew the Swedish flag. The word of the capture of the Destar was sent to the Overseas News Agency.

FIRING IN NORTH SEA

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 25.—According to advices from the island of Ameland, in the North Sea, heavy firing was heard some distance at sea yesterday and the belief is that a naval battle has taken place in that vicinity.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF ARKANSAS FOR CHARLES E. HUGHES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 25.—The Progressive central committee of Arkansas met here yesterday and endorsed Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate for the presidency, and his running mate, Charles Warren Fairbanks, former vice-president. The committee did not mention the name of John M. Parker, Progressive nominee for the vice-presidency.

WHO DOES YOUR THINKING?

Some folks let their "family physician" do their thinking for them. Others investigate new sciences dealing with health—and get well. Be progressive—investigate. F. C. MIGHTON, D. C. Chiropractor. 304 Boston Bldg. Over Henry May's

SOLDIERS FIGHT MIDNIGHT BLAZE AND WIN PRAISE

Fire at Waikiki Destroys Fine
Bungalow and Threatens
Neighborhood

Fire early this morning destroyed the Stanley A. Cutter home on Waikiki beach off Kalia road in spite of the concerted efforts of Port De Russay soldiers and the city firemen. Its origin has not been determined. The \$5000 bungalow on Dewey road is today a charred remnant of a once beautiful home. Hardly a timber is standing. No one was in the house and there were no casualties although several soldiers were severely injured while doing splendid service as fire-fighters. Cutter and Mrs. Cutter are visiting on the island of Molokai and their five children are away from Honolulu. The owners have been notified by wireless of their loss. Cutter is a Rapid Transit conductor and his wife was Minerva Fernandez. They own considerable property in the vicinity of the burned home.

The house was insured, according to the Bishop Trust Company, which has the property in charge. It is not known, however, how much of the valuable furniture and personal effects which were destroyed will be a loss. William Simpson of the Trust Company is investigating today.

Military Order Maintained. From the moment a sentry's rifle shot brought practically every soldier at De Russay running to the blazing house shortly after midnight until the bugle blew assembly and retreat, the fire-fighting maneuvers were war-like and exciting.

Khaki-clad boys flitted everywhere in orderly confusion; guards with grim faces and loaded rifles paced a fire line to hold back the crowd; and half-clad spectators who gathered quickly; officers' commands rang out clear and plain above the crackling timbers and occasionally the call of a bugle brought certain sections to formation for some duty.

Residents in nearby hotel and bungalow colonies at Cassidy's, Crissey's, Hummel's and the Oceanic, awakened by the 100-foot column of sparks and smoke, hastily donned clothing and hurried toward the blaze.

Many awakened by the soldiers' cries thought it first that the movement had something to do with the night fire of molokai which had earlier been held at Fort Ruger, and others thought their own homes were on fire.

Two young ladies, fearful for their own safety and attracted by the romance of the flames, picked up half-painted trunks and leaped down stairs only a pace ahead of jumbled wardrobes. On the front porch they deserted the boxes and ran to watch the fire.

Soldiers' Work Praised.

Assistant Fire Chief Wallace W. Blaisdell, acting chief in the absence of Fire Chief Thurston, who is on his vacation, had hearty praise this morning for the soldiers' work at the fire. Two alarms were turned in to the fire department, one by telephone and one from a box, and the Maikiki and Kaimuki crews responded.

Blaisdell made a quick run from the Central station to take charge of his men. When he arrived the flames were leaping their last and he found

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SENATOR STONE SAYS U. S. WILL CONTINUE DEAL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 25.—The action of the landing, or the upper house of the Danish rigad, in refusing to sanction the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States, will not alter the attitude of this country toward the treaty, and will not cause any delay in the ratification of the treaty by which the United States will set its seal of approval upon the proposed purchase of the islands.

Such is the gist of a statement issued by Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign affairs committee, after reading the dispatches announcing that the landing had refused to approve the proposal.

Senator Stone added that the work of securing the ratification of the purchase treaty will be pushed through unless Secretary of State Lansing requests a postponement, in which case the whole matter will go over until the state department is ready to act. The senator declared that he doubts if the senate will reach the treaty this session.

MAUI MAN'S PETITION IS TO BE RETURNED

Neglecting to give the name he desires to appear on the ballot, Sam Kuni of Kihoh, Maui, who desires to be the Republican representative from the third district of the Valley Island, will have his nominating petition returned so that necessary statement can be written in. Kuni's petition was the only one filed Thursday in the office of the secretary of Hawaii.